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In re Application of:  
Application No.  
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For:

Kyle LEMONS et al.  
09/551,930  
April 19, 2000  
**PLATFORM-INDEPENDENT EXCEPTIONS-  
BASED METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR  
REMOTELY MANAGING NODES WITHIN A  
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK**

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**AMENDMENT AND REMARKS**

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2003 setting a three month period for response which expired on March 31, 2004. Applicants have filed herewith a request for a three month extension of time, extending the period for response to June 30, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 17 of this paper.